



Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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Minutes – October 3, 2019

Chair Bob Christie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Selectmen S. Josephine Cooper, Robert Christie, Nathan Mason, Gary McFarland, Kathleen Rybarz; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon.

Agenda Review – No changes were made to the printed agenda or addendum.

Minutes – September 19, 2019 – Jo moved to approve the minutes with a minor punctuation correction. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Expenditure Warrant 9 – Selectmen signed the warrant in the amount of \$125,966.20. Stu noted that approximately \$90,000 was for school warrants.

Cash & Budget Reports – Stu reported he has closed, pending audit adjustments, FY 2019. He noted the budgeted year ended with lower than planned expenses and higher than budgeted non property tax revenue.

Checking Account Reconciliation – Selectmen signed the statement expressing satisfaction with the review of the September 2019 checking account reconciliation which had been sent via e-mail prior to the meeting.

Installment Agreement – Stu reported that there has been no communications with the gentleman with whom the Selectmen entered an installment agreement in March 2018. He said he has drafted a letter to the man's sister who is also an heir to the property expressing concern. Selectmen signed the letter following a motion to do so from Nathan and a 2nd from Gary and a **vote in favor of 5-0.**

Audit – Stu reported the auditors have started the annual audit with transaction testing the week before and they will be back next week to complete the information gathering.

RFP – Transfer Station concept design – Stu reported that CES is the only offer the town has received. Selectmen briefly reviewed the proposal and agreed to send a copy to Ken Smith for review and recommendation. Kathleen agreed to drive the proposal to Mr. Smith on her way home.

Annual Town Meeting – Revisited – Stu reported that it turns out there will be a Presidential Primary on March 3, 2020 and suggested combining the municipal election with that date instead of March 17th. He said having the open meeting on March 18th would still be OK, and in fact probably better than having the two events on back to back nights. Kathleen moved to revise the order signed at the previous meeting to set March 3, 2020 as the election date. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0, the order was signed.**

Lamoine 150! – Jo said Saturday is the big start to the celebration with a road race (Robin's Run), a free barbecue by the Fire Department and church, and a scavenger

hunt in the parks. She said they have several items for purchase, and that the scavenger hunt the previous weekend was fun, though it did not attract a lot of people. A brief discussion followed regarding the barbecue and an event that resident Don Clark is hosting at his home across the street from the school that may attract a lot of traffic.

League of Towns Elected Officials Meeting – The meeting will be held beginning at 5PM at the Somesville Fire Station on October 17, 2019 – which conflicts with the next Selectmen's meeting. Bob and Kathleen said they would try to attend the League of Towns meeting and scoot back to Lamoine in time for the Selectmen's meeting.

Solar Grid Proposal – Stu reported that a revised proposal would be available for the next Selectmen's meeting. He said he was not sure if anyone from Sunpower would be in attendance.

Meeting with Emera/Enmax – Bob and Kathleen met with top officials from both electric utilities at the town hall on Monday, September 30th, along with Stu. Jo met with them at the Moore Center in Ellsworth. Bob said the CEO of Enmax, the company proposing to purchase Emera, was very impressive. He said they talked about 3-phase power at the transfer station and the proposed solar grid. Kathleen remarked that the meeting was pretty much a public relations move by both companies. A brief discussion followed regarding the shared information.

Lamoine Quarterly – Stu said he's got part of the front page done so far. Gary remarked about a picture of the girl scouts on the front page and their work on the Veterans' Memorial, and expressed his thanks to them.

Opioid Lawsuit – Stu said if the Selectmen are comfortable being added to the class action suit automatically, they need not take any action. There was no desire to file a separate suit against Purdue Pharma.

Budget Goals – Stu asked if there were any particular projects to keep in mind when developing the budget. Jo asked if there was a full committee. Stu said there is. Jo said keeping the solar project and community center in mind would be good. She asked to review the proposed capital schedule. Bob said budgeting for a revised transfer station should also be considered.

Code Enforcement Officer Notices – Selectmen reviewed several notices from the Code Enforcement Officer in regard to several complaints, especially from the Marlboro Beach Road area. Nathan moved to sign a memorandum to CEO Albright expressing their support. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

State Valuation – The State of Maine has proposed that the town's 2020 valuation be listed at \$278,600,000. There was no desire expressed to challenge the value as it's very close to the local assessed value.

Appointments – Nathan moved to appoint Diane Sanderson and Angela Johnson as alternate members of the Lamoine 150! Committee. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Thank you card – Selectmen signed cards thanking Kasey Jordan and Lily Philbrook for their hard work at beautifying the Veterans' Memorial again.

Sympathy Card – Selectmen signed a card expressing condolences to the family of James Norris who passed away earlier in the day. Mr. Norris was instrumental in developing the Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish ordinance, and also with the donation of the remainder of Marlboro Beach to the town.

Stu noted that longtime resident Merrill Davis passed away the previous week.

Next Meetings – Bob read the list of the next meeting dates, the next being on October 17, 2019 and then the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month through January.

Nathan asked whether any action had occurred regarding the mooring matter that Harbor Master David Herrick had raised the previous meeting. Stu said he sent a certified letter, but the green card has not yet been returned.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen